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January 31, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Group (CI)  
2 p.m., Thursday, January 31, 1963

PRESENT: Mr. Johnson, The Attorney General, Mr. Gilpatric, Mr. Bell,  
General Taylor, Mr. McCone, Mr. Murrow, Mr. Forrestal

Captain Cunha and Specialist Finn were present for Item 1.

1. Latin American Troop Information Film (JCS)

Captain Cunha demonstrated a battery-powered projector unit, developed by Defense for the instruction of Latin American enlisted men on the dangers of Communism. One hundred and eighty of the units are now in the hands of the Caribbean Command for issuance to the Latin American military services. The film and sound track portray Communism through an historical approach; as it is today in Europe and Asia, and in Cuba. The members expressed interest in the program, and exchanged comments on the desirability of following up this film with others on such subjects as the Alliance for Progress; case studies such as the successful Magsaysay program, the role of the U.S. military in the development of the United States, and the civic action program in Korea.

2. Exploitation of Minorities for Paramilitary Purposes

The members confirmed that the intention of the directive, contained within NSAM 162, for such studies is to identify ethnic groups in areas which may require our priority attention for specific political and paramilitary needs, and not to stimulate a wide-range research program on other tribal units. The members recognized that information on the latter general category is regularly developed by the member agencies of the intelligence community.

3. Use of Third Country Personnel for Paramilitary Purposes

The members discussed the desirability of stimulating third country assistance for counterinsurgency, and related this to a particular need to stimulate third country economic assistance for South Viet-Nam and Thailand.

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Miscellaneous Items

A. It was agreed to carry over Item 4 and 5 on paramilitary training until the next meeting.

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C. Mr. McCone reviewed with the members certain intelligence information pointing to Cuban subversive activities throughout Latin America. The Chairman and Mr. Murrow asserted the desirability of getting confirmed information before such bodies as the OAS, and also to Chiefs of Mission in Latin America in order that it may be brought to the attention of leaders of these countries.

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